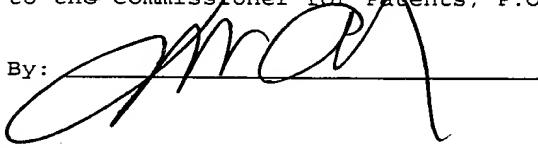


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RESPONSE

Sir :

In response to the Office action dated December 10, 2003,
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